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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3825

INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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FOR AID/FDRC-DTAB

FROM J.W. SIMMS

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: SWEL, BB

SUBJ: 1975 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR

1. EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL SPACE AT SEMINAR FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. EMBASSY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 9 SEPARATE POLITICAL JURISDICTIONS: BARBADOS (INDEPENDENT), GRENADA (INDEPENDENT), WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES (AUTONOMOUS) OF ANTIGUA DOMINICA, ST. KITTSHTA NEVIS, ANGUILLA, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT, BRIT. CROWN COLONIES OF BRIT. VIRGIN ISLES AND MONSERRAT; WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO OFFER SPACES ULTIMATELY TO AT LEAST FIRST SIX LISTED AFTER BARBADOS ABOVE;

B. WE WOULD PROPOSE OFFER ADDITIONAL SPACE THIS YEAR, IF IT MATERIALIZES, TO ANTIGUA, WHICH SUFFERED \$10,000,000 IN DAMAGES FROM EARTHQUAKE LAST NOVEMBER, GOT NO HELP FROM USG IN SPITE OF APPEAL AND IS, CONSEQUENTLY, UNHAPPY WITH USG, WILL BECOME INDEPENDENT SOMETIME IN 1976. (IF ANTIGUA CANNOT SEND REPRESENTATIVE, WE WOULD LIKE THEN TO APPROACH GRENADA, WHICH, AS NOTED, IS ALREADY INDEPENDENT.)

2. AMB. BRITTON IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL SPACE, STRONGLY ENDORSES THIS APPEAL.

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3. PARTICIPATION WOULD DOUBTLESS SPUR A PLANNING EFFORT, WHICH, AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, HAS NOT EVEN BEGUN YET; DIMINISH ANTIGUA'S UNHAPPINESS WITH USG; DEMONSTRATE OUR SERIOUS INTEREST IN HELPING DEMONSTRATE OUR SERIOUS INTEREST IN ANTIGUA; WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL AT THIS TIME, GIVEN IMMINENCE OF ANTIGUAN INDEPENDENCE. EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN CAN OFFER LITTLE ASSISTANCE TO ANTIGUA OR OTHER OUTLYING ISLANDS BECAUSE OF DISTANCE INVOLVED AND BECAUSE OF OTHER, MORE PRESSING DUTIES ON PART OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL INVOLVED.

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